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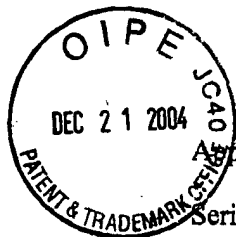
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Respectfully submitted,

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**Issue Fee Transmittal Letter**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed issue fee payment documents.

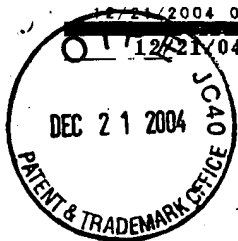
Upon review of the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 21, 2004, Applicants noted that the listing of allowed claims did not include claims 26-31, which were added by amendment on July 19, 2004, and which were also allowed. Applicants' attorney spoke with Examiner Stevenson on December 8, 2004 and again on December 20, 2004 regarding the omitted claims. Examiner Stevenson confirmed that the allowed claims include claims 1-19 and 26-31. Examiner Stevenson faxed a revised statement of Allowable Subject Matter to Applicants' attorney on December 21, 2004 including allowance of claims 1-19 and 26-31. A copy of the revised statement is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the above application be passed to publication with claims 1-19 and 26-31 as the allowed claims. Please contact Applicant's attorney with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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### *Amendment*

The amendment filed on June 19, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.111 has been entered.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims #1 through 19 and 26 through 31 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre C. Stevenson whose telephone number is (571) 272 1683. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Niebling, can be reached on (571) 272 1683. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308 7724.

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